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- 1. BASED ON MISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH EC OFFICIALS REPORTED IN REFS (A) AND (B), IAEA/EURATOM NEGOTIATIONS ON FA'S FOR MOX-BELGONUCLEAIRE, NUKEM AND EUREX ARE PROGRESSING, BUT QUESTIONS CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COST FOR ADDED SAFEGUARD MEASURES CONTINUE TO BE RAISED BY THE OPERATORS (ISSUE DISCUSSED IN CASE OF BELGIUM IN REF (C).
- 2. THE COST ISSUE (REFS A AND B) AS VOICED BY EC OFFICIALS APPEARS TO REFLECT MEMBER-STATE (OPERATORS) VIEW THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAMPLING TECHNIQUES PROPOSED FOR NUKEM AND MOX WILL REQUIRE SHUTDOWN RESULTING IN LOST TIME AND REVENUE. ACCORDING TO ARMANDO BARUFFA, CHIEF ADVISER TO LEONARD WILLIAMS, DG XVII, NEITHER THE OPERATORS NOR EURATOM WISH TO BEAR THIS ADDITIONAL EXPENSE AND FEEL THAT IAEA SHOULD ASSUME THE COST UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE IAEA/EURATOM SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO AVOID HAMPERING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- 3. EURATOM IS CONCERNED BECAUSE WHATEVER FORMULA IS ARRIVED AT FOR NUKEM AND MOX WILL PROBABLY BE APPLIED TO SIMILAR FACILITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLES 52 AND 68 OF THE EURATOM TREATY. BARUFFA ADDED THAT THE EUREX OPERATOR CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PHYSICAL INVENTORIES REQUIRED BUT HE DOES NOT SEE THIS AS A MAJOR PROBLEM.
- 4. SUMMING UP, EURATOM APPEARS IN THE MIDDLE AS OPERATORS RAISE QUESTIONS ON COST. MISSION AGREES WITH REF (D) THAT WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO SEEK A MORE IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF POSITION OF FRG AND ITALY THROUGH DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. HINTON

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